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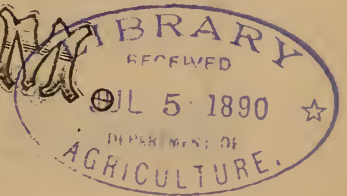
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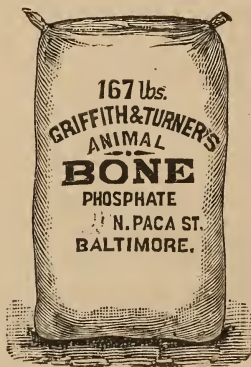
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For the Maryland Farmer.

OUR NEW FARM, II.

HOW WE CAME TO GET IT.

My wife said :

"Mrs. Janney said that it was a miserable place to make a living off of. The land wouldn't yield a crop and they hadn't enough to pay the rent for last year."

Then I said :

"Did she tell you who owned it?"

The agent in the city was very particular not to let me know who was the owner, for he seemed to be afraid I would buy it of the owner instead of from him. Of course, I didn't want to do that; but I thought I would like to know about it, any how.

My wife said :

"Why, no! I didn't think to ask her. I supposed you knew. Now how are you going to get it, even if you want it? The rooms are good and large below stairs; up

stairs there are three small rooms and one large room. The rooms ain't high; but she said they were warm and comfortable. The fruit trees were loaded last year; but she said they wouldn't bear much this year. The land looked good, and the country looked beautiful."

My daughter said :

"Its a long walk to the railroad depot; but its down hill all the way. We would have to have a horse, any way, to plow the land, so that wouldn't matter. Its just grand; only the house looks awful, and the barn and shed are black; and I didn't see any ducks; and the water was delicious; and I think we could live there in the summer."

As for me, I said :

"The land is pretty poor now; but it is easy to work. It was once rich and of course can be made rich again. The neighbors who own their farms are making a comfortable living and don't care to sell. A little paint will change the looks



of the buildings, and a little work will fix up the front of the house, and we can from time to time make improvements, if we get the money to do it with. What do you say, wife? What do you say, daughter? Shall we buy it?"

All this was talked over on our way home in the cars. We were all full of it, and it was decided I should see the agent and buy the farm, to-morrow. But to-morrow would be Friday, and it wouldn't do to buy it on Friday, and I was too tired to attempt to see him that afternoon. So we thought to put it off until Saturday. But after supper, I concluded to see the agent at his home; so I called and talked the matter over; but we couldn't agree exactly about it. Of course, I told him what the tenant had said to me—and he shook his head; and then I told him I would give a thousand dollars for it, and pay cash five hundred instead of three, and that was the best I would do. Then he said:

"Wait."

He took his hat and was gone away about half an hour and I waited. At last he came back and said the owner wanted more; but I had made up my mind while he was gone not to offer any more at any rate; so after a while he asked me how much I would pay that evening to bind the bargain, and I took out my pocket book and said I only had ten dollars with me, but would give him five hundred on Saturday; for I wouldn't do any thing about it on Friday.

Then I found he was anxious to have it in writing that night, for he said, one dollar was as good as a hundred; and he drew up a writing and took my ten dollars, and said on Saturday he would have the papers all ready for me and I might have the Farm the next week if I wanted it.

So I went home pretty happy, I tell you. I had got that farm two hundred dollars

cheaper than we expected to get it; and when I put the paper on the table before my wife and daughter, I felt like I couldn't say a word.

My wife, she said:

"Why, how did you come to get it so?"

And she laughed all over her face and her eyes shone like stars.

And my daughter said:

"Well, now all that great place is ours, ain't it? And we've got it cheap, too, haven't we? And when shall we go there to live?"

And I told them all that took place between me and the agent; and how he went away and came back; and what I said, and what he said, and then about paying the ten dollars; and that next week we might take possession.

And all our hearts beat fast; and our voices trembled as we talked to each other; and we thought of the new life before us; and we gave each other one or two hearty kisses on the strength of it all.

It all comes back to me now as I write, although it took place years ago, and we have had many labors. But that was the turning point in the happiness of our lives and I don't think any of us have cause to regret that night's work.

Our visions were bright, but after the first excitement went by we sobered down and began to talk over our plans about the house and the grounds and what we must do to commence with. But we kept that precious piece of paper on the table before us during all our talk and more than once took it up and read it. It was an "Agreement," and two were written out, and the "ten dollars" was mentioned in it, and the "farm of one hundred acres occupied by Mr. Janney" was mentioned, and "possession May first" was also in it.

The evening went by and we all went to bed; but far into the night we talked over the bargain we had made and I recalled

and mentioned to my wife many things I had noticed on the farm. How the land sloped towards the east and the south, for it was on the west side of the rail road, and all the land has an inclination easterly and much of it south easterly on that side of the road. And I mentioned the ten acres of swampy land, and said to her that would not trouble us as it was on the extreme north east corner of the farm, and the wind was very seldom from that quarter. So at last we fell asleep and did not awake until broad daylight next morning.

Nothing was done about the farm on Friday. We ain't especially superstitious; but we thought it would be just as well not to do anything about it ourselves: the owner had to make out all the papers you know, and of course we couldn't do anything if we had wanted to. We talked some and decided that we would fix up the house and front fence some before we moved there, and we did not expect to do very much for this year.

Saturday came and I met the agent about two o'clock and the owner, also. My wife was with me, of course, for the mortgage must be signed by both of us. The agent gave us all the papers: The county clerk's record that nothing was against the property, title perfect. The tax bills of last year paid. The statement of amount of taxes due for the part of the present year up to date. The deed all signed and acknowledged. Then we paid \$487.34, the balance due to make up the \$500 we had promised, and we both signed and acknowledged the mortgage for the other \$500, with the notes, also,—and the farm was ours, and half paid for. We knew we had just the other \$500 in the savings bank, and a little in the bureau at home; and some of our furniture would have to be sold rather than move it, which would give us a little more, and we hoped

not to have to spend very much of that in the bank, but we felt safer having it there.

After it was all over, my wife said:

"Well, I feel more tired to-night than I did after my visit to the farm last Thursday."

And I answered her:

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BISHOP POTTER ON PENSIONS.

We are gratified to find this eminent man occupying the position, so long advocated in the columns of the Maryland Farmer, against the reckless appropriation of the people's money to pension multitudes, who are in no need of charity, who are made paupers by this government bounty. It is carried to such an extent that the United States, once considered the the most prosperous country in the world, now has the reputation of sustaining more paupers than all the balance of the world combined. But read the words of Bishop Potter as follows:

"The honorable provision for those who suffered and were disabled in their country's defense threatens, under the selfish

and unscrupulous manipulation of those who see in the degradation of their fellow-citizens a short and easy road to political supremacy, to become a pauperizing system, whose least and most innocent consequence is the ruinous burden which it is destined sooner or later to saddle upon the public treasury.

Never was there a phariseism of philanthropy in which personal aggrandizement more impudently masqueraded in the garment of a grateful patriotism than our halls of Congress have lately presented, and the unmanly silence with which schemes so grotesque that they should have long ago been laughed out of any intelligent public assembly have been received is one of the most amazing facts of our political experience.

I have nothing to say of those who have devised this infamy and baptized it with the name of civic gratitude, but for the manhood which it is destined to corrupt and degrade, no honorable man can feel, I think, any other than the most profound sympathy and sorrow.

This surely is a system of government that deliberately conspires to degrade men, and no delicacy ought to consent to excuse or condone it."

These are strong words of a strong man, from the non-partisan standpoint which the Maryland Farmer occupies. We see the present party pouring out the people's money in this way to buy the soldier's vote and all those connected with the soldier. It is a bribery at which both political parties are winking, those in power to secure a continuance of power; and those not in power to aid them in the future. They threaten to bankrupt the treasury and pauperize the people. And that great class of our citizens—the farmers—must bear the greatest measure of the burdens through intolerable taxation. It is high time that the farmers

place men of moral principle and unflinching rectitude in our legislative halls.

The picture of Washington is indeed a sad one. Morality is cast behind them; and the ruin of the country is supplemented by the greater ruin in a people whose moral stamina is deliberately undermined and destroyed. Our two houses of Congress are devising the most subtle methods of wringing money from the farmers with which to degrade and pauperize the voters who hold the balance of power and can keep them in their present positions.

SILVER.

We hear rejoicings because of the defeat of the free coinage of silver—These rejoicings come from the great moneyed centres of the country. National banks and Institutions which have money to loan, who are realizing from nine to fifteen percent on their capital under present arrangements, lead in these rejoicings. All who wish scarcity of money among the people that the extortioner may thrive are full of rejoicing.

Those who think among the common people, who realize that free coinage and the monetization of silver once more, will make money plentiful; give the farmers means to redeem their farms, and the mechanic means to procure his home, and the workmen means of prosperous labors at prosperous prices; are not so full of rejoicing.

Plenty of silver money with which to pay debts and to prosecute the labors of our lives is the great need of farmers to-day—is all that stands in the way of a happy and prosperous people. Unless we get this, or a flood of government money in some form for the people, the abandoned farm will not only be the stigma of

New England, but it will become everywhere the emblem of our nation.

Already vast tracts are given over to domestic and foreign capitalists, and are being tilled by white instead of black slaves. The white a worse servitude than the black; because this is a moral and voluntary slavery, while the former was nothing more than a physical submission.

When we hear misguided men, who have nothing at stake, rejoicing over the success of capital bent upon a continuance of conditions which provides their best opportunities for greater oppressions, greater accumulation, and greater outrages upon our privileges and our homes, we can but place them amid that class who care nothing for the people, nothing for their country, nothing for the great masses of humanity, so long as they and theirs may thrive upon the general misery. Such belong to the great army of trusts, monopolies and leeches, which live on the life blood of the laborer, the mechanic and the farmer. They may glorify in words this "land of the free;" but they do all they can to make it a land of serfs, and to thrust us down to the very depths of wretchedness, only characteristic of that moral and mental serfdom which comes to those overwhelmed by poverty and debt.

Farmers must have money in some form or they will ere long become necessarily the great aggressive class in our country to overturn the present order of things.

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Keeping Out Borers from Fruit Trees.

"What is the best method for keeping out borers from apple, plum and quince trees?" was a query propounded at the last annual meeting of the Western New York Horticultural society. Mr. I. T. Chase recommended a solution of soft soap, applied with an old broom or brush, from the limbs to the ground, two or three times during the summer. Mr. Brown suggested a mixture of whale oil soap and carbolic acid, in quantity of one pound of soap to an ounce of acid, dissolved in four or five gallons of water. Clean out the borer first, and then apply the liquid around the collar with a white-wash brush twice during the season. He used it in June. Mr. Varney said white-wash and carbolic acid did a good job for him.

Building a New Barn.

If you are building a new barn, especially if it is to be one in which cows or other animals are to be stabled, build it high between floor and ceiling, and be very sure to put in plenty of windows, and set it so the east, south and west sides will come fairest to the sunlight, so that in cold weather a flood of golden sunlight will light up the whole interior. This plan, says Hoard's Dairyman, is better than a cow doctor and don't cost a quarter as much. Have wire netting outside, so that the windows can be raised and excellent ventilation can be had. Aside from all the good it will do the animals, it makes a more human habitation for the men to do their work in.

Chicks.

The character of the food has much to do with the quality of the eggs.

The duck industry ought to pay in favored localities if properly managed.

Have pure water where fowls may have constant access to it.

Give fowls a generous supply of gravel. It is their teeth.

Slightly sprinkle the dust bath with carbolic acid.

Dust laying hens and their nests with Persian insect powder.

An occasional fumigation with sulphur will be found advantageous.

PLEASANTRIES.

"Your wife has chestnut hair," said Banks.

"Yes, it is a sort of chestnut. She bought it over a year ago."

Sometimes the lover who is fired with passion for the daughter is put out by the father.

How many things there are to laugh at in this world to the girl who has pretty teeth and dimples.

The shepherd dog is not a game animal, though he is progressive ewe-cur.

"You can't eat your dinner and have it too," said the sympathetic steward to the sea-sick passenger.

What is the difference between a man paralyzed with fear and a leopard's tail? One is rooted to the spot, and the other is spotted to the root.

Miss Freshleigh—"Do you know, Mr. Bjackson, I don't see why people go into such ecstasies over the ballet. I can't bear it.

Mr. Bjackson—"No need, Miss Freshleigh. The ballet can bare itself."

Watchman (breathlessly): "The boy's dormitory is on fire, and if they find it out, they'll stop to save their foot-balls, bats, and things, and perish." Boarding-school principal (quickly): "Notify the boys all who are not downstairs in two minutes won't get any pie."

CATARRH CURED.

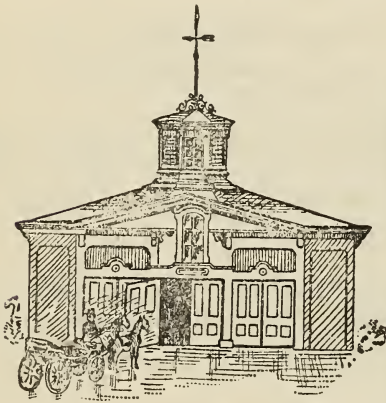
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MODEL CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE.

A Model Carriage House and Stable That is Well Lighted and Ventilated and Exhibits an Attractive Appearance from Any Point of View.

The engraving here presented shows the doors of a rectangular carriage house portion of a building; also the door to the hay loft. The carriage house doors are folding and open outward, as they can be made closer when hung on hinges than when hung on rollers. It is desirable that all doors and windows should be as close as practicable, that they may not affect the ventilation, the ingress of which is provided for by a subterraneous air duct seen at A in the ground plan.



CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE.

The posts are sixteen feet in length; the ceiling of the stable is nine feet in the clear, with storage in the loft for twelve tons of hay.

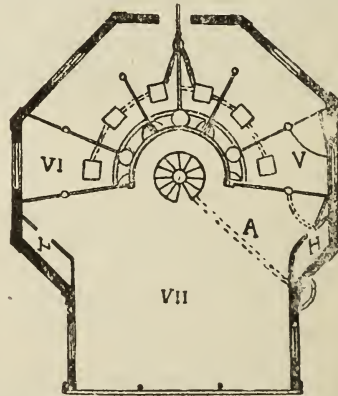
The oat bin is a cylinder of 100 bushels capacity, around which circular stairs are built. Its location could not be more convenient, as six horses can be fed grain with walking but fourteen feet, on account of the six stalls being with the head end around a semicircle of sixteen feet diameter. This circular area is open to the cupola, and being supplied with air through the floor, under the stairs, and the animals all breathing into a common center directly under the egress, the air is constantly changed without a perceptible current; no doors nor windows need be opened.

By reference to the illustration of the ground plan it will be seen that the stall partitions are radial. The stalls are five feet wide in front and eleven feet at the

rear end. The stalls V and VI are arranged with strong gates hung to the wall of the building in a line with the stall partitions, which, when closed as seen in stall VI, form spacious, convenient box stalls. There is no partition between the carriage house VII and the stable portion of the building except that formed by the stall partitions and the gates closed, as seen in stall VI. The originator of this model affirms that the ventilation is so effectual that the air of the stable does not affect the carriage house. Being arranged with three drive doors, three pairs of horses to carriages may all be driven into the carriage house at once and the doors closed behind them and the horses taken to their respective stalls. There are two harness closets, H, H.

The rectangular figures in each stable floor are cast iron drip grates, each covering a sink or pit into which the urine falls. These are connected by pipes which connect with the main inner conduit, laid in the ground by way of the stable door. The conduit discharges into the manure house. The quadrant shaped figures at the head of the stalls are hinged iron mangers which may be turned into the feeding passages for convenience in feeding and the mangers may be unhinged and removed from the building when cleansed.

The circular figure in the line of the stall partitions is the base of a sheet



GROUND PLAN OF CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE.

iron hay tube, which is supported at the height of the manger and extends to the upper surface of the loft floor, where it is supplied with hay. These tubes have

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an opening to each stall, so that one tube supplies two horses, the tube being covered at the top, and close, except the feeding openings, and the lattice bottom to them protects the hay from air and dust. The object of the lattice bottom to the hay tubes is to preserve the hay-seed which seeds. It falls into a drawer for the purpose and the seed thus saved is of excellent quality and the quantity thus collected will remunerate for the cost of the arrangement. The cupola is octangular and has four openings with stationary blinds and four with glazed sash which light and ventilate the feeding passage.

Artificial Manures.

The following deductions are drawn by The Mark Lane Express after exhaustive experiments with artificial manures:

Phosphate alone, for any crop, is inadequate, and farmers should abandon the use of superphosphate by itself. Nitrogen alone is unreliable for any crop. Phosphates and nitrogen together (with potash sometimes added) are more beneficial to grain crops than most people imagine. For root crops, fertilizers containing phosphates, nitrogen and potash give far the best results. For grass, manures containing phosphates and nitrogen (sometimes with potash) are the best kinds. Oat and potato crops can be enormously increased by the use of the proper fertilizers.

Bee Buzzings.

If the bees languish and you find a dark, stringy, salvy mass, which is elastic, in the cells; if the caps are many of them sunken and pierced with irregular holes, you may be sure of the presence of foul brood.

That bees mix water with honey is a well known fact, but does not prove that they make honey. Bees do not make honey; they simply gather what nature has already made, says the editor of The American Bee Journal.

To make bee culture pay G. W. Demaree advises good, plain hives and fixtures, as cheap as is consistent with utility, which means avoid all expensive patent hives and patent devices that are untried or that promise nothing for the extra price set on them.

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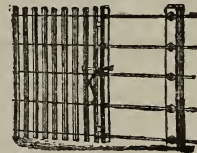
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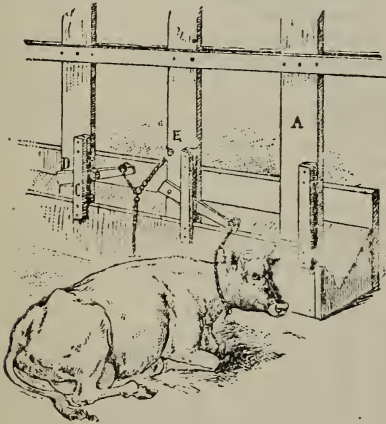
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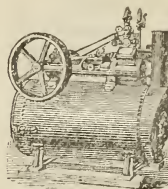
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Feeding Swine.

In order to obtain the best results all around the pigs should be taught to eat as early in life as possible. In some cases this will be when they are about two weeks old. The time of teaching them to eat will vary. The size of the litter in some cases, and in others the amount of the milk given by the dam, will govern it. Teaching them to eat is best accomplished by placing a small trough out of reach of the dam and supplying it with warm, sweet, skimmed milk and soaked maize. When the pigs get fairly to eating be careful to increase the feed as gradually as the pig's power of assimilation increases.

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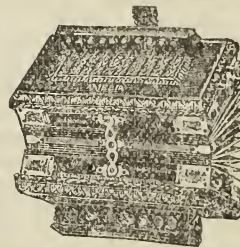
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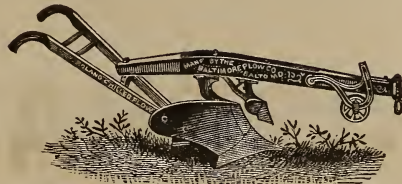
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